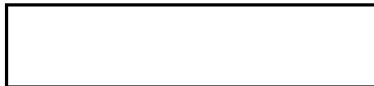
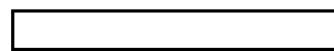


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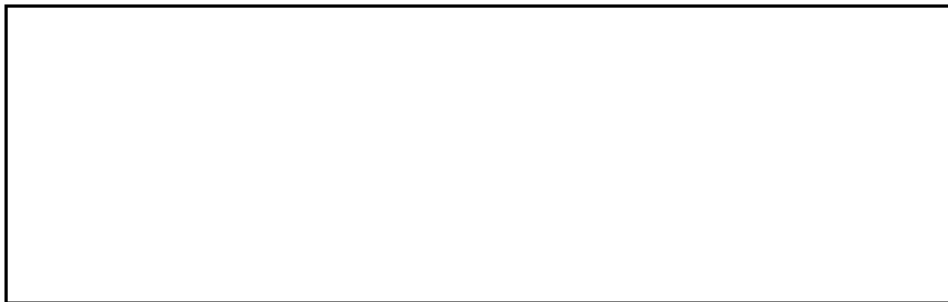
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South Vietnam: Large-scale Viet Cong attacks have increased sharply this month in northern and central South Vietnam.

US military authorities have now confirmed four battalion-strength Viet Cong attacks since 1 July. This is the highest number of actions on this scale noted in any single month during the past year and a half. A Viet Cong battalion attack on a Special Forces training camp in Thua Thien Province on 6 July was the second such action in two days.

Reports also indicate a considerable step-up of Viet Cong harassing activity in the two northernmost provinces in the past few days.

Increased Viet Cong activity in the early part of a month is not unusual; in past years there have also been step-ups in the June-July period. However, in this instance the Viet Cong may be responding to a recent call by the National Liberation Front for an intensification of political and military activities to mark the tenth anniversary of the Geneva Accords on 20 July.

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USSR-Rumania: Premier Maurer's visit to Moscow suggests that both parties have agreed to explore prospects for an accommodation.

This mission probably is largely the result of Tito's mediation efforts following his 8 June meeting with Khrushchev in Leningrad. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Tito had urged Khrushchev to be patient with the Rumanians and contended that Soviet-Rumanian differences could be resolved through negotiations. ✓

During his 22 June meeting with Gheorghiu Dej on the Yugoslav-Rumanian frontier, Tito reportedly warned that continuation of Rumania's anti-Soviet polemics and any abrupt reorientation of its economic policy toward the West could produce a dangerous Soviet reaction.

It seems likely that concern expressed by other Eastern European leaders also played a role in inducing the Rumanians to agree to talks in Moscow. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Both the USSR and Rumania have recently made minor conciliatory moves.

A Soviet-Rumanian accommodation would imply Moscow's sanction of Bucharest's "independent" status, and in the long run would encourage centrifugal tendencies in Eastern Europe: [REDACTED]

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Pakistan-Afghanistan: President Ayub's talks with King Zahir during a stopover in Kabul last week may have paved the way for further improvement in Pakistani-Afghan relations. The two leaders evidently were able to avoid recriminations in discussing their long-standing dispute over Afghan demands for self-determination for the Pushtoon tribes living in Pakistan. Ayub reportedly suggested direct contacts between himself and the King in certain eventualities--presumably referring to tribal problems on either side of the border.

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Jordan: The naming of a new cabinet headed by Bahjat al-Talhouni on 6 July stems from King Husayn's long-standing dissatisfaction with the government led by his ailing uncle, Sharif Husayn. Talhouni, a conservative, has been a close adviser to the King for ten years, and served a previous term as prime minister in 1960-62.

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